

APPEAL NO. 020917
FILED MAY 28, 2002

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on March 25, 2002. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury sustained by the respondent (claimant) on _____, extends to and includes reflex sympathetic dystrophy (RSD). The appellant (carrier) contends that the "medical evidence did not show RSD within a reasonable medical probability." The appeal file contains no response from the claimant.

DECISION

Affirmed.

Extent of injury is a factual question for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer, as finder of fact, is the sole judge of the relevance and materiality of the evidence, as well as the weight and credibility that is to be given to the evidence. Section 410.165(a). The Appeals Panel will not disturb the challenged factual findings of a hearing officer unless they are so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986); In re King's Estate, 150 Tex. 662, 244 S.W.2d 660 (1951). We have reviewed the matters complained of on appeal and conclude that the hearing officer's decision is supported by sufficient evidence.

We affirm the decision and order of the hearing officer.

The true corporate name of the self-insured is **INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY
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Michael B. McShane
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

Thomas A. Knapp
Appeals Judge

Roy L. Warren
Appeals Judge